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SUBJECT: FORMER COMMUNIST PORT UNION MEMBERS ORDERED DISMISSED

1. CONSULATE HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT ON MORNING AUGUST 6 REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FIRMS DOING BUSINESS AT SURABAYA'S TANDJUNG PERAK PORT WERE CALLED TO MEETING BY REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE KOPKAMTIBDA AND INFORMED THAT BY DECEMBER 31, 1975 ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED SOBSI AND SBPP (PORT WORKER'S UNION) UNIONS MUST BE DISMISSED FROM EMPLOYMENT. NO SPECIFIC REASON REPORTEDLY GIVEN FOR FORCED DISMISSALS OR FOR TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES REPORTEDLY WERE ASKED FOR THEIR VIEWS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH REPLACEMENT OF FIRED PERSONNEL.

2. COMMENT: POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS OF DISMISSAL PROGRAM INCLUDE GENERALIZED SECURITY CONCERN ON PART OF AUTHORITIES, FEARS OF SUBVERSIVE/SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES ON PART OF EX-MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST UNIONS, AND EVEN DESIRE TO REPLACE THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH REDUNDANT MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT WORKERS AS OFFICIAL PERSONNEL CUTS CONTINUE. SOURCE, WHO IS ACTIVE IN PORT AFFAIRS, ATTENDED MEETING, AND HAS REPORTEDLY RELIABLY ON PORT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PAST, TENDED TOWARD SECOND POSSIBILITY, SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT SUBVERSION. IN ABSENCE OF OTHER REPORTS OF SUBVERSIVE INCIDENTS, WE MORE INCLINED TO BE-

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LIEVE GENERAL SECURITY CONSCIOUSNESS IS BASIS THESE ACTIONS. IN ANY

EVENT, GIVEN FORMER PRE-EMINENCE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED UNIONS AT PORT,
IF THIS PROGRAM CARRIED OUT WHOLESale DISMISSALS ARE IN STORE FOR PORT
BUSINESSES OVER NEXT TWO AND HALF YEARS.

3. NO INDICATION GIVEN WHETHER OTHER INDONESIAN PORTS INCLUDED IN
THIS PROGRAM, BUT SWEEPING NATURE OF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD APPEAR TO IMPLY
THAT PROGRAM IS NATIVNAL IN SCOPE.

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